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Senator George Amends Community Health Budget

LANSING - The Department of Community Health (DCH) Appropriations Subcommittee today adopted an amendment introduced by Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township. This amendment will allow the department to create pilot projects with pharmaceutical companies for disease management programs.

States have developed these programs in lieu of cash rebates in return for awarding pharmaceutical products preferred status on the list of prescription drugs used by Medicaid.

“This amendment gives DCH the flexibility to design creative management programs in partnership with pharmaceutical companies,” George said. “It gives the department and pharmaceutical companies a new field to explore in their ongoing negotiations over the best way to serve the Medicaid population.”